Production of lactic acid

It is an organic acid produced from microorganisms and also produced from the oily products and consider as a resultant of the primary metabolism of the microorganisms.

The structure of the lactic acid: CH₃CH oH CooH

Lactic acid is presented in three forms as it contains anon-asymmetric carbon atom.

The forms of lactic acid

1- Dextrorotatory

D (+) Lactic acid

2- Levorotatory

L (-) Lactic acid

3- Racemic

1- Biological production:

More than 90% of the lactic acid is produced by using the bacteria and yeasts, produced from it the form L or D, and is used in industry and we can increase the production by choosing the type of mutant bacteria or genetic engenier.

2- Oil production:

Produced racemic form, not used in industry, inert and produced by using the lactic acid material lactic_nitroil.

- The media used in lactic acid production:
- 1- Potata and corn starch medium.
- 2- Molasses medium.
- 3- The waste product of sulphit paper production.
- 4- Whey medium.
- 5- The agricultural wast products.

Application of lactic acid

- 1- Food industries (cheese, jelly, jam, canned food and soda drinks).
- 2- Detergent industried, gums, leather tanning, and plastic industries.
- 3- Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and medical applications.
- 4- Used for ca-deficiency treatment.
- 5- Salts of lactic acid (ca-lactate), as additives in animal feed, (cu-lactate) is used for electrical paints.

Microorganism of lactic acid includes:

1-Homofermentative lactobacilli:

Produced lactic acid mainly and alittle amount of secondary product by (EMP) Embden-Meyerhof-Parnas pathway. Geneuse lactobacillus important in industrial and the important specieses are *lactobacillus delbrueckii* and *lactobacillus bulgariacus*, *L.pentosus* and *Lactococcus Lactis*, *L. cremoris*.

The media, which is used in this fermentation, is whey.

2- Hetero fermentaive lactobacill:

A little amount of lactic acid produced and secondary product are acetic acid, ethanol, CO₂, this not important in industry.

The important bacteria used *Leuconostoc mesentroides*,

Production of starter:

In culate (whey, skim, milk) with *streptococcus thermophilus*, *lactobacillus bulgaricus*.

Incubated at (42-45) °C. In first hour grow *streptococcus thermophilus* then the PH became (6.6-5.8), this aid the growth of *lactobacillus bulgaricus* the PH (4.8), then consist stable clot. At PH (4) cool the product because not consist whey.

Characteristucs of a good starter:

- 1- It should be consist of lactic acid (0.7 -0.9%)
- 2- It should be without whey.
- 3- Not contaminated with yeasts, fungi or bacteria like *E. coli* and bacillus sp.
- 4- Firm consistency and has acidic tasts.

Procedurs:

1- Estimation of total percent acidity of lactic acid:

total acidity 10ML sample of dairy and add to 3 drops of phenonaphthalen, titration with NaoH 0.1 N until pule pink color is appeared and using the laws.

$$%TA \text{ (total acidity)} = \frac{\text{volume of NaoHx N. of NaoH (0.1) X Eq.w of latic acid}}{\text{sample volume}}$$

2- Detection of lactic acid

A-2ml sample of dairy+2ml phenol 0.8%+5 drops of fec13 result of positive (blue color) then convert to pale yellow color

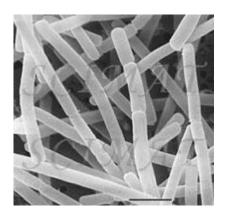
B- α. nitroso -B –naphthol reagent:

2ml sample of dairy add α . nitroso -B- naphthol reagent)

Then observed green color as appositive result

Isolation and purification of lactic acid

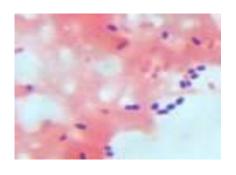
Add calcium carbonate to adjustment pH at (pH=10) and convert to calcium lactate then filtration and heated until take crystalize shap. Add H₂SO₄ to remove calcium and convert to calcium sulphate and final observe lactic acid as crystals.



(2) Lactobacillus deldrueckii



(3) Leuconostoc mesenteroides



(4) Streptococcus lactis